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SUBJECT: DUTCH POLITICAL PARTIES ORGANIZE TO OPPOSE NUCLEAR ARMS

1. SIX DUTCH POLITICAL PARTIES, REPRESENTING 116 (OUT OF 150) VOTES IN PARLIAMENT, HAVE ANNOUNCED THAT THEY WILL HOLD REGULAR JOINT MEETINGS TO DISCUSS EACH OTHER'S PLANS, METHODS AND STRATEGIES FOR MOVES AIMED AT "COMBATTING NUCLEAR ARMS." A CONSULTATIVE BODY IS TO MEET EVERY TWO MONTHS. THE LABOR, CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC, DEMOCRATS '66, RADICAL, PACIFIST SOCIALIST AND COMMUNIST PARTIES WILL BE JOINED BY DUTCH INTER-CHURCH PEACE COUNCIL, NETHERLANDS BRANCH OF PX CHRISTI AND NETHERLANDS TRADE UNION FEDERATION (FNV). THE LIBERAL PARTY THUS FAR HAS NOT RESPONDED TO THE INVITATION.

2. COMMENT: THE PARTIES AND ORGANIZATIONS PLANNING TO MEET ARE THOSE WHO SUPPORT THE ANTI-NEUTRON BOMB CAMPAIGN WHICH RECEIVED MORE THAN A MILLION SIGNATURES IN A NATION OF 14 MILLION PEOPLE. ALTHOUGH THE GOVERNMENT SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDED IN PARLIAMENT ITS DECISION TO RETAIN A NUCLEAR ROLE IN NATO BY PURCHASING THE NUCLEAR VERSION OF LANCE, THIS STEP TOWARD FURTHER COORDINATION BY ORGANIZATIONS WITH PREDOMINANTLY ANTI-NUCLEAR VIEWS INDICATES THAT GON NUCLEAR
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